REMARKS

The present Amendment is responsive to the Official Action dated March 12, 2007 and the Advisory Action of July 31, 2007, and is filed simultaneously with a request for continued examination. In the Official Action, Claims 1-3, 6, 10-13, 20, 21, 23-26, and 40-44 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being obvious over U.S. Patent No. 6,724,878 to Burg *et al.* ("*Burg*") in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,920,812 to Palviainen ("*Palviainen*").[1] Claims 4, 5, 7-9, and 22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being obvious over *Burg* in view of both *Palviainen* and U.S. Patent No. 5,930,700 to Pepper *et al.* ("*Pepper*"). Claims 14-19, 27-29, 31, 32, and 36-39 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being obvious over *Burg* in view of both *Palviainen* and U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2001/0010691 to Shen *et al.* ("*Shen*"). Claims 30 and 33-35 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being obvious over *Burg* in view of *Palviainen*, *Pepper*, and *Shen*. Finally, Claim 44 was also rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. All of these rejections were summarily maintained in the Advisory Action.

Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for extending the courtesy of an interview to Applicants' representative on July 23, 2007. During this interview, the Examiner expressed concern regarding the breadth that could possibly be attributed to the term "terminal" in the claims. However, the Examiner provided some guidance regarding possible ways to rephrase and thereby render allowable the claims. As such, by the present Amendment, Claims 1, 20, 25, and 44 have been amended. Further, Claim 45 has been added, this claim being supported to the same extent as, for example, Claims 20 and 45. Reconsideration of the claims in view of the preceding amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

I. Description of Cited References

Burg discloses a method and system for processing a telephone call to an on-line subscriber, when the subscriber telephone line is busy as a result of the on-line connection. The incoming call is forwarded to a server, where the calling station is given an option to leave a recorded message and particulars of the call (date and time) and calling station (telephone

[1] The Official Action expressly states at p. 3 that the rejections are based on 35 U.S.C. § 102(b), but this statement is placed immediately under the heading "Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 103", and the description of the rejections

number and caller identification) are stored in a call-back list server. The system sends an alerting message to the data terminal of the on-line subscriber, where an icon, representing calls stored in the call-back list, is displayed to the subscriber. The subscriber may review particulars of calls stored in the call-back list and may return calls while remaining on-line using Internet telephony, or by other means, such as a TAPI interface. The subscriber may also review or retrieve stored messages in the voice-mail server while remaining on-line.

Palviainen is directed to a call forwarding method and arrangement for a mobile terminating call, for preventing the taped intermediate announcements that are often made during call forwarding, and which can cause a delay in the call set-up, from possibly causing the time-out of the calling modem or telefax terminal and thus the failure of the call. Information concerning the type of call is transmitted to the mobile exchange handling the call included, for instance, in a message where the subscriber database notifies the carrying-out of call forwarding, and provides a call forwarding number. The mobile exchange implementing the call forwarding checks the type data of the call and omits possible intermediate announcements associated with the call forwarding in case of a data call, but allows intermediate announcements in case of speech calls.

Pepper is directed to systems and methods that allow a subscriber to have incoming telephone calls automatically screened and directed. The system allows a subscriber to automatically manage his incoming communications in a way that is easy to control and which requires a minimum of unnecessary interruptions. The system includes a graphical user interface (GUI) which is accessible through the subscriber's personal digital assistant (200), a Network Interface (304), a service control module (306), and a database (308). The system and method allow a subscriber to have all of his incoming telephone calls screened in order to identify those that are of the high importance to the subscriber. The subscriber controls this system by user-friendly interfaces to a name and telephone number database and an appointment calendar database. By entering schedule information into an appointment calendar (including times and locations of meetings and other events) and by entering client's information into the name and telephone number database, the subscriber indicates how to locate the subscriber so that

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includes, apparently necessarily, both *Burg* and *Palviainen*. As such, Applicants assume that the rejection is indeed

important calls will reach him immediately. These databases also tell the system which clients are of high priority to the subscriber so that lower priority calls can be directed to a voice mail system for access at the subscriber's convenience or routed to an attendant for action.

Shen is directed to a process and also to a service computer, a switching center, terminals, program modules and memory means with program modules for handling incoming telephone calls for a subscriber line (VA1) of a telecommunications network (PSTN) during an online data-network session blocking the subscriber line (VA1). In this process a terminal (TERA) sets up a connection (VA11, VA1, VPOP1) to an online data-network access device (POP) via the subscriber line (VA1). Thereupon the online data-network access device (POP) sends current access data to the terminal (TERA), which the terminal (TERA) signals to a service computer (SCP) of the telecommunications network. If a switching center (SW1) of the telecommunications network then detects an incoming call destined for the subscriber line (VA1), the switching center (SW1) then signals the fact that this call is waiting to the service computer (SCP) which supplies at least one predetermined service for the purpose of processing the incoming call. The service may, for example, consist in a message being sent to the terminal (TERA), in which attention is drawn to the incoming call, or in the incoming call being forwarded to an alternative destination (TELA2).

II. Claims of the Present Application are Patentable over the Cited References

Claim 1 of the present application recites "forwarding a call from a calling party to a destination defined by said call forwarding party" and "sending [a] notification . . . to a terminal of said call forwarding party, wherein . . . said terminal of said call forwarding party is different from the destination defined by said call forwarding party." Independent Claims 20, 25, and 44 include similar recitations related to a difference between a terminal at which a notification is received and a destination to which a call is forwarded. Further, new independent Claim 45 also includes a substantially similar recitation. Applicants respectfully submit that none of the cited references teaches or suggests, either alone or in combination, sending a notification related to a forwarded call to a terminal of the call forwarding party that is different from a destination defined by the call forwarding party to which the call is forwarded, as recited by each of

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under 35 U.S.C. § 103, and that the language related to § 102(b) was included in error.

Claims 1, 20, 25, 44, and 45. For at least this reason, Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 1, 20, 25, 44, and 45, and also the claims depending therefrom, are patentable over the cited references.

III. Conclusion

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

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